

Accessing 2020 Census Redistricting Data on data.census.gov: Customizing Your Table View

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Hi, my name is Ron. I want to show you some of the features that are available through the 'Customize Table' button when viewing the new 2020 P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data on data.census.gov. The 'Customize Table' view is a great tool to utilize within our site, as it has a number of functions that our users may find helpful when viewing this new Redistricting Data. So, let's try out an example search and take a look at some of the features!

To find the P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data, go to data.census.gov and click on the Advanced Search button located directly under the Single Search bar. Then, select the 'Surveys' filter and click on the 'Decennial Census' option. Then, click on the checkbox next to the 'Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171)'. Since we only want the newer data from 2020, you will also want to go to the 'Years' filter and select '2020'. If you want to select a geography to view, you can do it in the Advanced Search as well. For this example, let's filter data for Harrison County, Mississippi. Click on the 'Geography' filter, and then select 'County'. Scroll down the next list of states and select 'Mississippi'. Then, another filter panel will load with all the counties in Mississippi. Scroll down the list until you see 'Harrison County' and click the checkbox to add it to your search.

Once you've selected the survey, year, and geography you want to view, click on the 'Search' button on the bottom righthand corner and select a table to view. There are six tables to choose from, but for the example, I'm going to choose our new table for 2020 Redistricting, "Group Quarters Population by Major Group Quarters." This table give us the count of people living in group quarters such as nursing homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and student housing on colleges and universities. Next, click on the 'Customize Table' button located at the top right corner of the screen above the table. This new view, which is called the 'Customize Table view,' is where you can access a lot of different functionality by clicking on the buttons in the upper ribbon located above the table. For example, the 'Customize Table' view provides another way to add additional filters to the table.

You can select any of the Filters that would be present on the Advanced Search page, such as the Geography filter, and the table will automatically update to reflect the applied filters. For example, if we wanted to add another county from Mississippi in this view, we would click on the 'Geos' button in the table ribbon and add a geography the same way we would in the Advanced Search. Since we've already selected a county from Mississippi, the search will default to show the list of counties again. If you select another Mississippi county, like Franklin County, and then click the 'Close' button, you

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will see that the table has now automatically updated to show the data for both Harrison and Franklin counties.

You can also view Table Notes, which are shown here and can be hidden by clicking on the 'Notes' button again. You can also download or export the table to Excel, Print the table, or use the Map button to return to the map view of this table. I also wanted to mention the 'More Data' button located in the table ribbon, which will allow you to access and download the Redistricting Data in the Legacy Format on our File Transfer Protocol, or FTP site.

I hope this tutorial provided insight on how to access the Customize Table feature for the 2020 PL 94-171 Redistricting Data through data.census.gov. For more guidance on using our site, please visit our Resources page at the link below. Thank you!